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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.


2. The application has been amended as follows:

Please find attached a copy of the text of claims 22 and 23 which should have been presented in the amendment after final.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Danton DeMille whose telephone number is (571) 272-4974. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Huson, can be reached on (571) 272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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22. (Withdrawn) The massager of claim 1, further including a combined actuator and pump assembly associated with said housing and configured for dispensing the massaging liquid from said body-contacting portion in desired amounts for being heated by said body-contacting portion on the target body surface, said assembly comprising:

an actuator wheel having an exterior actuation surface, at least one web joined to said actuation surface, said exterior actuation surface and said web defining a pump chamber;

a pump housing configured for disposition within said pump chamber;

a roller assembly being rotatable relative to said pump housing and being rotatable with said actuator wheel;

said pump housing defining a raceway for accommodating a length of flexible tubing and rotatably receiving said roller assembly in peristaltic relationship to said tubing;

wherein rotation of said actuator wheel causes rotation of said roller assembly relative to said length of flexible tubing to pump liquid through said tubing.

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23. (Withdrawn) The massager of claim ~~21~~<sup>22</sup> wherein said pump housing is fixed relative to said housing, and said roller assembly is matingly engaged with said actuator wheel.